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Mahathir-Brother

PRIME MINISTER'S BROTHER MAHADI DIES AT 86

SUNGAI PETANI, Dec 12 (Bernama) -- Mahadi Mohamad, the eldest brother of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, died at his house in Jalan Syed Osman Aidid here today. He was 86.

Mahadi's niece Roseniah Mashahor said her uncle died after a fall in the bathroom of his house at about 9.30am.

He leaves a wife Hajah Kalsom Hamzah, 60, and five children -- two boys and three girls. One of the children is Samad Mahadi who is the former Utusan Group Deputy Editor-in-Chief.

According to Roseniah who also resides here, Mahadi did not suffer from any sickness except that he had a cold in the last two or three days.

The Prime Minister and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali paid their last respects to the late Mahadi at his house. Dr Mahathir's other brother Mashahor and sisters Rafeah and Habsah were also present.

The Prime Minister who will be 75 on Dec 20 is the youngest in the family.

Mahadi's remains were laid to rest at the Masjid Penghulu Him Cemetery this afternoon.

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